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**Amendment A**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2001 the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time has been filed concurrently with this response, extending the time to respond to May 27, 2002. Further, a **Version with Markings to show changes made** is attached hereto.

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**In the Claims**

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11. (Amended) The material of claim 1, wherein said material is expandable by at least about 50 percent upon wetting.

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**Remarks**

Claims 1-20 are presented for Examiner Webb's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By way of the Office Action mailed November 27, 2001, Examiner Webb objected to the specification under 37 CFR 1.71 because it fails to provide an adequate description of the invention. In particular, the Examiner has asserted that the Applicants did not disclose what materials were used and the methods used to make the elastic fibers. The Examiner's attention is directed to page 10, lines 17-24 and page 11, lines 1-2, which lists a variety of materials including **elastomeric** thermoplastic polymers. Further, earlier in the specification, at page 3, the Examiner